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Dear Bert and Hank,

I have separately from this expressed the appreciation of the delegation to General Balmer and to Mrs. Balmer for their cordial and helpful treatment of all of us. I must, however, in similar vein say how much I and we appreciated the work you fellas did to accommodate both to the confusion we brought and that which we left. For evenness of disposition and the ability to get things done quickly including cancelling and reconvening meetings, you guys rate high. I would have to give, in all fairness and I shall tell him so, H. G. the edge for switching airline reservations. Much of this type of activity, such as we brought, must make that island grow ulcers as well as pineapple, sugar cane, and moomoos.

In due course, and I hope it not too long a delay, you will get the pictures I promised. You may hang them, file them, or return them. Do not splash liquor on them.

A special word of thanks to your wives for tolerating our intrusion on your happy homes.

I am expressing my views as to you fellas along the lines of the above to your superiors in this Headquarters (both orally and in writing).

I send the high regards of the delegation and especially of myself.

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